

INJUSTICE

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There are people who lie to maintain public support for draconian policies of punishment. District Attorneys, Police and Politicians tell stories about those they arrest that have no scientific foundation whatsoever. Psychopaths who are incapable of feeling remorse do not exist according to the American Psychiatric Association. Super-Predators are not a thing (merely a speechwriter's invention). The idea that sex offenders cannot be rehabilitated has no basis in any criminological study. There is absolutely no evidence for this urban legend.

The general public believes that all people in prison claim innocence. I've found it to be rare and would be inclined to believe the few who insist upon it. When innocence projects look into it, they find innocent people in prison. It's become routine to find the innocent in prison. They've been found on Death Row; sometimes a few weeks away from scheduled executions. How can we even pretend that we've never executed an innocent person? The Death Penalty is nothing more than the State trying to play God and killing innocent people who can't afford a good lawyer.

Prosecutors play on the typical juror's lack of forensic knowledge to push questionable evidence like bite mark analysis and hair comparison. True experts in the field find these types of evidence no more accurate than lie detector tests which are not admissible in court. The State's paid 'expert' will always sound good unless the defense has the money to hire their own expert.

Eyewitness testimony is considered rock solid by juries and people in general. Recent studies have shown that when a person is victimized and traumatized by someone they see for only a few seconds or even minutes, they don't retain a good memory of their likeness. When the police tell the victim they got 'the guy' the witness tends to trust them and go along with the